GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRAPRADESH
ABSTRACT

Higher Education Dept – Setting up of A.P. State Research Board in Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) under Section 11 (2) (III) (ii) of Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education Act, 1988 (Act No.16 of 1988) – Convey the proposal – Orders – Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (U.E) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.110, Dated:18.08.2021

Read the following:

1. From the Secretary, APSCHE, Lr.No.APSCHE/UMS-C6-1092/ APSRB Commt/2020, Dated:25-8-2020.
2. Govt.letter.No.1245868/U.E/A1/2021,Higher Education (U.E) Dept, Dated:20-5-2020.
3. From the Vice Chairman-I, APSCHE, Lr.No.APSCHE-ACIII/ APSRB/2021, Dated:07-06-2021

ORDER:

In pursuance of the orders issued in the reference 2nd read above and the circumstances reported by the Vice Chairman-I, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) in the reference 3rd read above, Government hereby convey the proposal for setting up of Andhra Pradesh State Research Board (APSRB) in Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education, under section 11 (2) (III) (ii) of the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education Act, 1988 (Act No.16/1988) to enhance and maintain the quality & standards in the conduct of research and enable a culture of research to permeate across the Universities and Colleges of the State of Andhra Pradesh. The board will explicitly devise strategies to remove the current obstacles and create an environment on par with global quality research ecosystem and provide a reliable merit-based, peer-reviewed research funding with a view to enhance the quality & standards in the conduct of Research in HEIs of the State.

2. The Andhra Pradesh State Research Board (APSRB) aims to achieve the goal of creating an environment on par with global quality research standard with the following objectives, functions and organisation of APSRB:-

I. Objectives of State Research Board (SRB):

1. Developing high-quality human-resources with a good understanding of research and innovation and critical-thinking abilities.
2. Promoting interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary research by connecting research organizations and industry within and outside the country connecting the Universities, Colleges and other institutions.
3. Recognizing and rewarding the impact created research works.

4. Mentor and encourage area specific research that are relevant to immediate, situational and contextual needs of the State.

II. Functions of State Research Board:

1. To review from time to time the on-going research activities of the Universities and Colleges and make recommendations for future research in identified thrust areas.

2. To prepare and up-date the list of thrust areas of research in Social Sciences, Sciences and Technology.

3. To identify priority sectors in the state such as agriculture, industry, services, environment, development planning, etc to encourage research in those areas.

4. To prescribe such norms as may be necessary in tune with the guidelines of the University Grants Commission and other national bodies and monitor the quality of research in the Universities at the doctoral and Post-doctoral research.

5. To promote linkages of research with teaching and community engagement in alliance with global concerns and national objectives and to strengthen industry-academia interface.

6. To act as an agency for promoting linkage of research in higher educational institutions with those research agencies and industry keeping in view the overall research needs of the state.

7. To promote patent and technology-oriented research.

8. To identify and encourage societal based research.

9. To conduct brainstorming sessions/National R&D Conferences /Capacity Building Programmes on emerging areas of research.

10. To catalyse industry-oriented research linking industrial counterparts.

11. To maintain the research profile of Universities and Colleges in the state.

12. To submit an Annual Report to the APSCHE on the status, content, quality, inter-disciplinary, infrastructure, funding, linkages with the industry and R&D institutions.

13. To explore the possibilities of research connectivity with International institutions and funding agencies and serving

as a facilitating body for collaboration in international projects.

14. To interact with Vice-Chancellors of the Universities to discuss on matters related to:-

    (i) Research carried out in respective Universities.
    (ii) Sources of funding.
    (iii) Trust areas.
    (iv) Special facilities and Centers of Excellence created for the pursuit of research and innovation.
    (v) Linkage with National Laboratories, R&D organizations, industries and community.
    (vi) Impact of research conducted on the community.
    (vii) Research publications profile of the University at the commencement of the academic year.
    (viii) Such other issues as it may deemed fit.

15. To promote R&D, Innovation, IPR, faculty spin offs, fellowships, industry-academia joint projects and technopreneurship programmes.

16. To act as a repository of the research data of the Universities and Colleges in the State.

17. To introduce State Level Awards for outstanding researchers.

18. To form Research Coordinating Committee (RCC) to visit, review, and advise the research activities in the Universities and Colleges of the State.

19. To liaison with funding agencies to secure large research projects by potential groups.

The Research Board shall function as per provisions in Section 11 (III) (ii) of the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education Act, 16 of 1988 so as to link research work of educational institutions with that of the research agencies and industry, keeping in view of the overall research needs of the State.

III. Organizational structure

A. Office:

The office of the Andhra Pradesh State Research Board shall be located within the premises of Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education.

B. Composition of the Research Board:

The A.P. State Research Board shall consist of 15 members whose tenure shall be three years from the date of appointment. The

composition of the Board shall be as follows:

1) Ex-Officio Members:

(a) The Chairman of the APSCHE shall be the Chairman of the Board, and shall have the power to constitute the Board and the Research Coordinating Committee.

(b) Vice-Chairman – 1, APSCHE shall be the Vice-Chairman of the Board.

(c) The Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, A.P.

(d) Four Vice-Chancellors of State Universities of whom two shall be from one of the Technological/ Horticulture/ Agriculture/ Tribal/ Other Universities catering to specialized areas of knowledge to be nominated by the Chairman, APSCHE.

2) Other Members:

a. All the four members of Research Coordinating Committee.

b. One Senior Scientist from the National Research Laboratories to be nominated by the Chairman, APSCHE.

c. Two Senior representatives actively engaged in research from Non- Government R&D institutions nominated by the Chairman, APSCHE.

The tenure of all the nominated members shall be for a period of three years. The members shall deemed to be continued even after the completion of their tenure till that time the new nominated members assume office. The APSRB shall conduct at least two meetings in a financial year. The quorum to conduct meetings shall be 1/3rd of the total members.

C. Director:

The Director of the APSRB shall be the Member Secretary of the SRB and shall execute the policy decisions of the APSRB. The Director will report to the Chairman of the Board i.e., Chairman, APSCHE. The Director will be supported by two (2) office staff and three (3) research consultants.

D. Research Coordinating Committee:

It shall report to the State Research Board and it shall have four eminent academicians belonging to the areas of Science, Technology, Agriculture and Social Sciences. There shall be four members in RCC other than the Convenor. The members of the RCC shall be identified and nominated by the Chairman, APSRB. One among the four members shall be nominated as Chairman of RCC by the Chairman

APSCHE. The Director of APSRB shall act as the Convener of RCC. The RCC shall visit the Universities twice in a year and other Colleges once in a year to conduct review and advise on the research activities pursued by the institutions which will also enable the Committee to recommend on the formulation of R&D Programmes and future research activities of the University keeping in view national priorities and emerging technological opportunities; suggest networking with other research institutions and advise on future directions as well as on fostering linkages between the University, National Research Laboratories, Industry, Community and potential clients.

The term of office of RCC shall also be for a period of three years or until new members are appointed. All the four members of RCC shall be paid honorarium and TA/DA only on their official visits/meetings.

E. Appointment of Director:

An outstanding researcher shall be appointed as the Director of the Research Board. A three- member Search/Selection Committee shall be constituted by the Chairman, APSCHE to submit a panel of three probable candidates based on merit and suitability to the position to the Government, out of which one will be selected as Director of APSRB by the Government.

The Search/Selection Committee shall consist of three members: one nominee of the Chairman, APSCHE, an eminent researcher to be nominated by the APSCHE and one Vice-Chancellor of a State University to be nominated by the Chairman APSCHE.

Applications shall be called for through an open advertisement.

The age limit of the incumbent to the position of Director shall be a maximum of 65 years. The appointment will be on tenure basis and shall be for three years. The term of office can be extended based on performance for one more time. One can continue in the position up to the attainment of 68 years or the term whichever is earlier. However, the first director of APSRB shall be appointed by the Government of A.P by nomination.

The salary of the director is proposed as Rs.2,50,000/- per month consolidated. However, the age of the incumbent shall not cross 65 years on the date of appointment.

F. Roles and Responsibilities of the Director:

The Director is the executive head of the Research Board. He/She is the person responsible for all the activities of the Board including financial matters. The Director should report to the Chairman of the Board and take prior approval on financial and policy matters. Apart from the functions listed above the Director should prepare agenda for Board meetings and implement the resolutions of the Board.

G. Internal Performance Review:

The Research Board will meet as and when necessary but at least twice in a year to take policy decisions and to review the performance of the board as against the objectives and defined functions. The Director of the Board is responsible to prepare and submit the annual report of the Board and APSCHE. The Board shall submit its quarterly reports on activities to the Council so as to report the same in the meetings of the Council.

H. Budget requirement:

An amount of Rs.1.62 crores (Rupees one crore sixty two lakhs only) will be allocated by APSCHE from their internal fund for the functioning of the State Research Board and Research Coordination Committee. The details of the proposed expenditure annexed to this order.

I. The creation of posts for the service candidates again require the concurrence of the Finance Dept.

3. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) shall take necessary action accordingly.

4. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Dept., vide their U.O.No.FIN01-FMU0MISC/85/2020-FMU-HTE, (Computer No.1252990) Dated:26-4-2021.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SATISH CHANDRA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Vice Chairman-1, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education, Mangalagiri.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education, Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
All the Vice Chancellors of the State Universities.
Under the administrative control of Higher Education Dept.
All the Registrars, of the State Universities
Under the administrative control of Higher Education Department.
The Secretary to C.M.
The Addl. P.S to M [Education].
The P.S to Chief Secretary to Govt.
The Spl. Chief Secretary to Higher Education Dept.,
The Finance (FUMH&T) Dept.
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Harinath
SECTION OFFICER

Annexure to G.O.Rt.No.110, Higher Education (U.E) Dept., Dated:18.08.2021

S.No	Description	Details of expenditure	Estimated Expenditure per year in Rs.
1.	Director	2,50,000 *12 months Consolidated pay	30,00,000
2.	Staff	25,000*2*12 Months	6,00,000
3.	Consultants (Sciences, Social Sciences, Engineering & Technology)	50,000*3*12 Months	18,00,000
4.	Car Rental	-	5,00,000
5.	Stationary/ postage and Miscellaneous Expenses	3,00,000 PA	3,00,000
6.	Meeting expenditure of committees per head @ 25,000*4*15	-	15,00,000
7.	Recognition and reward to best researchers	-	10,00,000
8.	Organising programs (meets with industry, research, organisations, researches, international and national funding agencies, etc	-	25,00,000
9.	Other related expenditure (Studies, visits to other states etc.)	-	10,00,000
10.	For One time Infrastructure facilities	Furniture, Computer Systems and other equipment	10,00,000
11.	Expenditure on Research Coordination Committee (RCC)	Towards honorarium TA, DA for official visits	30,00,000
Total (Rupees one crore sixty two lakhs only)			**1,62,00,000**

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